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40 DAYS OF RAIL CLOSURES WILL AFFECT COMMUTERS

EXTENSIVE MAINTENANCE NEEDED 'TO IMPROVE OVERALL SERVICE'

Trains will be unable to run on the West Coast mainline for more than 40 days, starting from May next year, as major track upgrades take place.

The works near Watford will mean Northampton passengers travelling to London will be disrupted in May, August and September 2014 as well as in February and April 2015.

Network Rail said the work would eventually improve the punctuality of train services on Britain's busiest mixed-use railway line.

Dyan Crowther, Network Rail route managing director, said: "This scheme represents significant investment in the southern end of the West Coast Main Line to make the railway more reliable.

"This line has seen tremendous growth in traffic and passengers over the last five years, with the section at Watford being one of the most intensively used, high-speed sec-

tions of track in the UK. This work is absolutely essential to maintain the punctuality that passengers and our freight customers rightly expect."

The £81m improvement scheme begins in May 2014 and continues over 16 days between August 9-24. Further work is also scheduled to take place over Christmas 2014 and in early 2015.

During the project, signalling at Watford will be upgraded alongside new junctions and track. Passenger trains will be unable to use a 12-mile section of the West Coast Main Line around Watford Junction station.

Network Rail said train operators will make alternative arrangements to help passengers complete their journeys.

The company usually carries out similar work over a number of weekends, with train services replaced by alternative transport.

But Network Rail said the

work at Watford would have required 54 complete weekend closures of the line.

By carrying out the work in five longer closures, engineers expect to be able to install the new signalling, replace track and junctions earlier.

Patrick Verwer, managing director of London Midland, which runs services between Northampton and the capital, said: "We want our customers to have good journeys with minimum disruption.

"This is much-needed investment and a series of closures is the quickest way of bringing the benefits of this major upgrade to our passengers.

Trains will be unable to run on the West Coast Main Line through Watford on several dates from May 2014:

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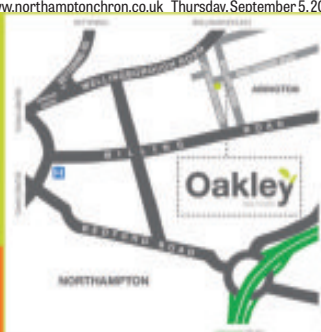
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Rocky was found in a ditch three days after his ordeal.

Jail for man who shot dog and left it to die in a ditch

A man who left a dog to die in a ditch after shooting it six times with an air gun and hitting it over the head with a spade, has been jailed.

Marc Turnbull, of Dainty Grove, Grange Park, Northampton, took Rocky, a tan crossbreed, out to a lay-by on the A5, between Kilsby and Weedon, and tried to execute his pet.

Northampton Magistrates' Court heard Turnbull had become frustrated with the behaviour of his dog, which was prone to defecating in his house and barking incessantly.

Robert Broughton, prosecuting on behalf of the RSPCA, said Turnbull had made the decision to "deal with the dog" on April 21 after "driving around for hours deciding what to do".

Amazingly, Rocky was found alive by a council worker who was clearing rubbish from the lay-by three days later.

Rocky was taken to a vet and he was found to have a number of serious injuries, including a deep wound to the back of his head, both his eyes were bleeding and he was underweight.



The vet carried out X-rays on the dog which revealed it had six metal pellets embedded in its body, including five in its head. An operation was carried out to

remove three of them, but the other three were too deeply embedded to be extracted.

Police managed to track Turnbull as the owner because the dog was microchipped.

Officers found an air gun at his property and he was arrested and taken to the police station to be interviewed.

Mr Broughton said Turnbull told police he had attempted to sell his dog, which he had taken ownership of in January, but no buyers had come forward.

Turnbull said he had tied the dog's lead to a post and then shot it in the head to "put it out of its misery". Turnbull said that when he thought this "had not worked" he hit the dog with a shovel.

Turnbull told officers that he thought the dog was dead and did not answer when he was asked by officers if he had put his pet in a bin bag found next to it. Andy Gibson, defending, said Turnbull was suffering from anxiety and believed that Rocky was upsetting his wife and causing his family circumstances to be intolerable.

Magistrates sentenced Turnbull to 20 weeks in prison for causing unnecessary suffering to an animal. He has been banned from owning any animal for 20 years.

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The Environment Agency has revealed there is a waiting list of people who want to live on boats at the Becket's Park marina in Northampton.

The demand has led the agency to claim there is an 'urgent need' for more residential moorings at the £2.5 million facility.

Documents submitted to Northampton Borough Council by the agency said: "It has become apparent there is an urgent demand for more residential moorings, to the extent that we currently have a waiting list." The facility has 82 moorings, but only six where people can live all year round.

Following a higher-than-expected demand for such residential moorings, the Environment Agency has now asked the council for permis-

sion to allow people to live 365 days a year at 18 of the 82 moorings.

Money made from the operation of the marina is pumped back into waterway improvements in Northampton by the Environment Agency. And the agency said the development of the marina had helped reduce crime rates in Becket's Park.

The agency said: "It is evident that activity on the site, particularly through the permanent presence of residential occupants, has had a positive impact upon the local area."

"There has been a marked decrease in anti-social behaviour and the area now feels a much safer, family-friendly location."

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School submits new plans for extension

Plans to double the size of a village primary school have been re-submitted, more than two years after they were first approved amid fierce opposition.

Kingsthorpe Village Primary School, in Knights Lane, was one of eight primary schools in Northampton listed for expansion, to cope with growing birth rates in the town.

But the plan faced strong opposition from residents, who raised questions over the impact of traffic, and the impact on the character of the village.

The Northamptonshire County Council-backed plans were approved, but have now been re-submitted with a number of changes. The expansion would see the school increase its number of pupils from 210 to 420.

The plans, submitted to Northampton Borough Council, by Architecture Initiative, propose to reduce the



height of the building by 1.8m from the first application, to a height of 7.4m.

They also propose an extra 26 car parking spaces, compared with the first application, taking the total to 44.

There would also be additional landscaping at the rear of the new building and the back of properties in Knights Lane, at the bottom of the sports pitch facing Vicarage Lane, and to the church side elevation facing The Green.

A covered play area facing The Green would also be removed, and a new multi-use games area would be re-

located to hide it from any external view.

The report said: "The proposal to expand the school was approved on September 13, 2011. The implementation of this decision has been delayed due to the multiple planning considerations.

"It was originally planned to increase the admission number in September 2012, but this was postponed.

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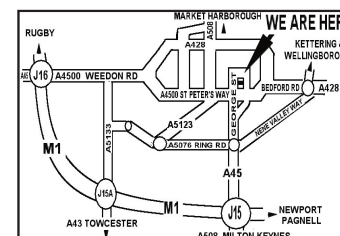
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Queen 'touched' by David's composition

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David Civil wrote *The Queen's Guard* five years ago, but never got round to sending it to Buckingham Palace before he died last May, aged 72.

So his family sent it off in his memory, and have recently received a letter from the Palace, saying the Queen was "very touched" by the piece.

Mr Civil, of Billing Road, lived in Northampton his whole life, and had written music professionally for around 20 years..

He was born into a very musical family. His brother was the late French horn player, Alan Civil, who played on The Beatles' track, *For No One*, on their *Revolver* album.

Mr Civil's niece, Natalie Domingo, sent *The Queen's Guard* to the Palace.

She said: "He wrote a lot of music and *The Queen's Guard* was one of them. He didn't write it for the Queen, but has always wanted to send it to her and hadn't ever done it.

"Although he played the trumpet and things,



David Civil composed *The Queen's Guard*, which his family submitted to Buckingham Palace after his death, and they have received a reply

he could also be quite shy and not that confident. We were overwhelmed with the Queen's response. We all love royalty and we always go to the proms.

"We didn't think we'd get a response from her so we couldn't believe it.

"David was always there for us, used to take us down to the club and buy us pop and things like that.

"He was a loving, generous person. He was really bubbly and was always game for a

laugh. He used to phone all the family and play music down the phone to us.

"My children did amateur dramatics and they would be on stage and he would be in the orchestra."

Mr Civil developed his love of music while at Kettering Road County Secondary School.

He later played in the Art Lewis Orchestra, the Northampton Concert Band and the Northampton Symphony Orchestra.

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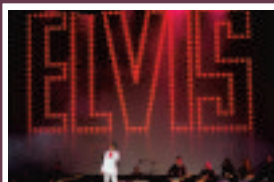
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Campaigners admit care home defeat

Campaigners fighting to stop a huge extension at a care home conceded it was now "time to move on," after their call for a judicial review was rejected.

Residents of Spratton have been battling for more than a year against the plans for the Broomhill site, in Holdenby Road, which is set to grow in size from 15 beds to 99.

After planning permission was granted by Daventry District Council in March, campaigners wrote to the High Court to ask for a judicial review.

But this request has now been rejected, meaning their battle is at an end.

There had been huge opposition among villagers to the scheme, proposed by St Matthews Healthcare, with former Northamptonshire and England cricketer, Devon Malcolm, and Northampton Saints rugby boss,



Jim Mallinder, among the individuals objecting.

Spratton resident, Paul Honeywell, who led the campaign against the scheme, said: "Frankly, it is time to move on."

"We need to get on and build a relationship and become neighbours."

"We hope they will want to and we would like to establish that relationship."

"I think the council did listen to us, as there are 17 conditions attached to the planning permission."

"I think it is time now to stop arguing with each other,

and work together.

"There is no point in going forward with bad feeling."

Objections from the public included the size of the building, its sustainability, its impact on the landscape, whether the plan offered any local benefits, and the amount of traffic which would access it.

There were also concerns about the type of patients it would cater for.

Sean Sidhu-Brar, director of St Matthews Healthcare, said the home would provide nearly 100 jobs and have £7 million of investment.



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Armed robber interrupts pub quiz

A pub landlord has told of the moment his weekly quiz was interrupted by an armed robber who tried to stab him with a hunting knife.

However, Steve Marsh, landlord of The Elwes Arms, in Great Billing, said the masked robber ended up skewering a charity collection tin with the five-inch knife, but left empty-handed after a regular threw a bar chair at him.

The botched robbery happened at the pub, in High Street, Great Billing, on Sunday, August 18, at around 10.20pm.

Mr Marsh said the weekly quiz was just finishing when the man, who was wearing a motorcycle-style balaclava, stormed into the pub and demanded he hand over money.

He said: "He had a hunting knife in his hand and he pointed the knife at me and shouted 'money, now'. I told him in no uncertain terms that he wasn't getting any."

However, the man then lunged at him with the knife.

Mr Marsh, aged 58, said: "Fortunately for me there was a charity box between us and the knife went into the front



The Elwes Arms in Great Billing was the scene of a botched robbery after a man with a knife burst in but fled when a customer threw a chair at him

of the box rather than into my stomach. One of my regular customers, who was doing the quiz about 12 feet or so

away, then threw a chair, but unfortunately he was a second too quick and he got away. My heart was pounding twice the

normal speed."

A couple of the locals bravely gave chase, but the robber managed to run off.

Mr Marsh, who has been running the pub for 27 years, said: "We have never had anything like this in the pub."

Thug is labelled a "coward" by judge

A thug who attacked his ex-partner while on bail for another domestic attack, has been branded a "bully and a coward" at Northampton Crown Court.

Joshua Green, aged 19, attacked the woman in Colwyn Road, in Northampton, on July 2, while on bail for a similar attack on the same woman on May 15. He grabbed her, punched her in the face and ripped out one of her earrings.

Recorder Timothy Mousley QC sentenced him to a total of 12 months in prison, but suspended the sentence for two years.

He also handed Green a restraining order, a supervision requirement and ordered him on to a "building better relationships" course.

He said: "If I send you to prison now you will only serve a few months. I want to ensure you don't beat up your next girlfriend."

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Definite-lily doing their bit for park!

Two green-fingered supporters of Abington Park are planting up to 30 species of lily in its lakes, in a bid to help it achieve Green Flag status.

LaVern Brown and Mark Brereton have pledged to spend a "four-figure sum" on the lilies, following the park missing out on the Green Flag status for the second year in succession earlier this month. Mr Brown, aged 58, of Highfield Road, Abington, Northampton and Mr Brereton, a former Northamptonian who now lives in Essex, started work this week.

Mr Brown said: "I heard the park had not got Green Flag status and wondered why. I went and had a look and thought the lake was so bare. "We are putting 20 or 30 different species in. It will be next year they blossom, and you should be able to see something by the spring. "There is not going to be anywhere in the country with this many varieties.



Mark Brereton and LaVern Brown have pledged to spend a four figure sum on lots of varieties of lilies for the lake in Abington Park because they want to help the park get Green Flag status

"It is going to be an attraction for people and wildlife. It will be a major feature and I hope the community will get behind it." A number of other improvements have been carried out at the park over the last 18 months, prompting the disappointment from supporters when it missed out on the Green Flag recognition.

The toilets and women's changing rooms have been renovated, the aviary has been given a £91,000 makeover, and a chicane has been put in Park Avenue South to slow traffic. Mr Brown, who has the blessing of the Friends of Abington Park to carry out the work, added: "I get tired of people moaning that nothing happens in the park."

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Police issue warning over 'lost footballs' to gain entry

By SOPHIE ROGERS
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Police are warning people living in Northampton to be on their guard following reports of people using lost footballs as an excuse for gaining entry to homes.

Officers have received reports from residents in the Kingsley area in which a man has been found in or near gardens or has called at a house saying he is looking for his football. Incidents have been re-

ported in Mountfield Road, The Vale and Collingwood Road.

Pc Ali York asked residents to be alert and to report any similar incidents they are concerned about.

He said: "In most of the cases, a man has called at a house, said he's lost his football and then asked if he could look in the garden."

"The man has been described as tall, with dark hair and an olive-skinned complexion."

"We're concerned this may be an attempt to distract the householder while someone

else tries to steal something or a tactic to get information about this or a neighbouring property."

"On one occasion the home owner found a dark-haired man in the garden. When he asked him to leave, he said he was looking for his football."

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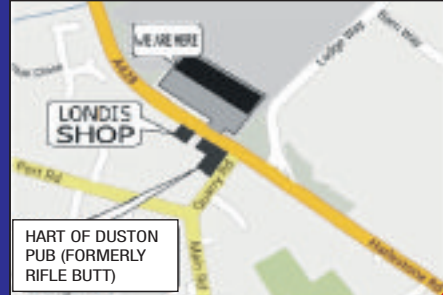
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Dickson's toughest test yet

Scrum-half Lee faces battle for start with Fotuali'i

RUGBY UNION

Lee Dickson knows this season will represent his toughest test since he arrived at Saints in 2008.

That is because this summer has seen the club add another top-class player to their scrum-half department, in the shape of Samoan star Kahn Fotuali'i.

Fotuali'i, one of European rugby's hottest properties last season, has arrived at Northampton from Ospreys.

For England international Dickson, a player who has got used to being first choice No.9, there is now a real fight for the right to be in the starting 15.

But that is not something which fazes the 28-year-old, instead he is using it to drive him on to great things.

When asked if this is the biggest challenge he has faced in his Saints career, Dickson replied emphatically: "Without a shadow of a doubt.

"He is a world class nine and I need that.

"I love competition. I love

the fact that I've got to get out every game and play 100 per cent. I did it last year, but now it really means something.

"For me he's going to push me on to Saints honours and England as well. At the end of the day, if Saints play well fingers crossed I'll be playing for England as well."

Fotuali'i's first interview saw him label Dickson a 'funny bloke', who he is relishing working alongside.

And there is clearly a mutual admiration among the scrum-halves, as Dickson said: "Kahn's brilliant. He's really helpful.

"I wouldn't say I'm funny. He's a very chilled out guy. Him and George (North) are very smiley.

"I'm really looking forward to playing with him and learning stuff off him because he is a world class player.

"He's shown that in the past years and I'm hoping I can pick his brains and get some knowledge out of him.

"It's great to have him around the club and he brings massive experience as well. It's going to be a nice little battle."

The dazzling No.9 duo will be aiming to deliver the first

major trophy to Saints since 2000, with the season opener a home game against Exeter Chiefs this Saturday.

And Dickson, who was left devastated by Heineken Cup final heartbreak at the hands of Leinster in 2010 and also tasted Premiership final defeat in May, is desperate for some big silverware.

He said: "We've talked about it. We got to that final last year and we had a really good crack at it.

"We played exceptionally at the end of that season.

"Hopefully we can start the season like we did last year but hopefully in mid-season we won't slack as much and we can really crack on.

"With the players we've brought in, it shows we will be able to do that this year, but the Premiership's a tough league and we've got to make sure we're on our game every week.

"These little games we've got to grind out and we've got to get on the right side of the scoreboard. Hopefully it will be our year."

Saints take on the Chiefs at Franklin's Gardens, with kick-off 3pm.



TOUGH TEST AHEAD - Saints scrum-half Lee Dickson

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Toney tied down County decisions

FOOTBALL

IVAN TONEY has signed a three-year professional contract at Cobblers.

The 17-year-old striker is a product of the club's academy and has broken into the first-team squad this season.

Toney became the youngest player ever to represent Cobblers when he made his debut as a substitute against Bradford City in the FA Cup last season.

And boss Aidy Boothroyd is delighted with the young front-man's development.

"Ivan has progressed really well," said Boothroyd. "He might not be ready for a run of games in the first team just yet, but he has made big strides and we wanted to get his future tied down. He is

another product of our academy and Trevor Gould and his staff deserve a lot of credit for the increasing number of young players emerging from our academy.

"Ivan can be really pleased with what he has done so far, but the challenge for him now is to kick on again. This season he has got himself ahead of some older players in the pecking order and it is great news that he is tied down until June 2016."

The Cobblers, who lost 1-0 at Bristol Rovers last weekend, are back in Sky Bet League Two action at Sixfields on Saturday when they host Scunthorpe United (ko 3pm).

CRICKET

NORTHANTS are in no rush to make any decisions regarding player contracts.

That is according to chief executive David Smith who, along with the club's cricketing hierarchy, will have to decide on the futures of a number of players in the next few weeks.

September is traditionally the time when things start to come out in the wash, and Smith thinks that the end of the month will be when the hiring and firing takes place.

A number of players - David Sales, Luke Evans, Con de Lange, Christian Davis, James Kettleborough, Sam Sweeney and Rob Keogh - are out of contract and Smith says that there are a number of factors that will have to be considered before new deals are offered or otherwise.

He said: "There's been no movement as of yet. The chances are that we will wait until the end of the season to see what money we've got and how we can use it.

"Lee (Daggett) is obviously going and Trent (Copeland) won't be coming back so there is some increase in the budget for the squad, but we're going to have to wait and see how things pan out.

"Some of the younger lads are out of contract and it's a fact that we can't have them all, but we want to keep our best players."

Northants are currently in four-day action at Hampshire in the LV= Championship Division Two.



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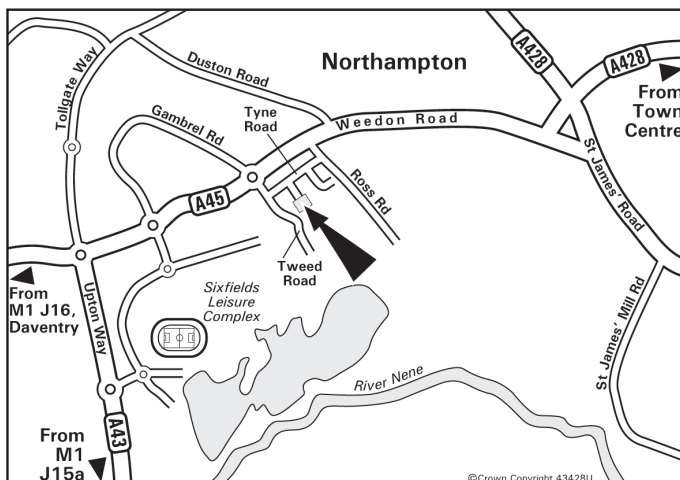
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